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on the Health of the  
RURAL DISTRICT OF STROOD  
during the year 1959



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# STROOD RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

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## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1959.

To the Chairman and Members of the  
Strood Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is my duty to present the Annual Report on the Health of the Rural District for 1959. My appointment as Medical Officer of Health (a joint one with the Borough of Chatham and the City of Rochester) dates from 17th April, 1959.

The following statistical matters although contained in the body of the report appear worthy of special mention.

### POPULATION

The Registrar General's estimate for 1959 was 26,490 as opposed to 25,730 for 1958. The steady growth in population of the Rural District has been a continuing feature in the post war era with an average increase between 600 to 700 per annum and a total increase from 1946 of approximately 10,000.

### Natural Increase of the Population

The number of births in 1959 exceeded the deaths by 288.

### BIRTH RATE

The Birth Rate per 1,000 of the population was 18.91 which compares favourably with the national figure (for England and Wales) of 16.5 even when corrected by the comparability factor for the Rural District of .97.

### DEATH RATE

The Death Rate for 1959 was 8.04 per 1000 of the population when the comparability factor of 1.13 is applied to this figure the corrected death rate of 9.08 is lower than the national figure of 11.6 per 1000 of the population. The total number of persons normally resident in the area dying was 213.



## INFANT MORTALITY

The death rate for infants under 1 year of age was 17.96 per 1000 live births. The total number of children dying under 1 year was 9 but of these, 7 died within one week of birth.

### Deaths in age groups

Deaths of persons over 70 years of age accounted for 54% of all deaths.

### Causes of Death

(1) Arterial and heart disease was responsible for death in 52% of the total deaths.

(2) Cancer - there was a total of 16 male deaths from Cancer - 8 being due to Cancer of the Lung. There were no female deaths from Lung Cancer.

Ten females died from Cancer of the reproductive organs.

(3) Bronchitis - 10 deaths - 6 being male and 4 female.

(4) Poliomyelitis - one male aged 54 years died 27/7/59.

## INFECTIOUS DISEASE

Measles was epidemic in the early part of the year and with a total of 372 cases accounted for 90% of all notifications over the year.

There were 18 cases of Whooping Cough and 10 cases of Tuberculosis.

Only one case of Poliomyelitis occurred with fatal outcome.

## SEWAGE DISPOSAL

For a Rural District the area is well served and the Council has continued to pursue a progressive policy which will leave only one major village community on cesspool drainage in the future. However, the challenge to improve environmental hygiene in the District remains as there are 302 dwellings on Pail Closets, 20 on Privies, while 113 houses receive their water supply by standpipe and 19 from wells or



springs (so far as is known to the Public Health Department).

### CARAVAN SITES

There are 2 major residential caravan sites, one mixed residential and holiday site and one small mixed site on the District. Considerable time was spent during the year keeping these sites under supervision and action was taken to effect improvement in site hygiene mainly by obtaining co-operation of site owners.

At best caravan accommodation as a permanent home is a poor substitute for traditional housing and, while it may meet the temporary need of a newly married couple, is no place to bring up children.

### RIVER BATHING

Following consideration by the Health Committee the Council authorised on 31st July, 1959 erection of signs, on the beach at Upnor and lower down the river at Hoo, warning bathers of the possible risk of bathing in sewage polluted water. In the past these reaches of the river were popular for bathing and, while no evidence exists to associate cases of disease with immersion in the river, there is no doubt that the discharge of partially treated sewage effluent within close proximity of these beaches makes river bathing undesirable.

### MOSQUITO CONTROL ON THE MARSHES

Routine anti-mosquito measures were carried out as in former years. Very few complaints were received of mosquitoes which may have been due in part to the drying up of the marshes during the very hot summer months.

### MASS RADIOGRAPHY

In association with the Medway Towns X-Ray campaign Mass Radiography units visited all populated areas in the Rural District.

STAFF OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Medical Officer of Health:

L.F. McWilliams, M.C., M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., D.P.H.  
(from 17.4.59.)

Deputy Medical Officer of Health:

R.G. Brennen, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., D.P.H.,  
(from 12.6.59.)

Acting Deputy Medical Officer of Health:

R. Tilley, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.,  
(from 1.8.58. to 24.4.59.)

Chief Public Health Inspector:

G. Wilson, Cert.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.

Additional Public Health Inspector:

D.W. Horncastle, Cert. R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.

Rodent Officer:

E.J. Bristow.

Clerk:

Miss K. Merry.



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# STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF AREA

## VITAL STATISTICS

	<u>1959</u>
Area of district.....	48,541 acres
Estimated mid-year Resident Population.....	26,490
Number of inhabited houses.....	8,289
Rateable value at 1st April,1960.....	£674,647
1st April,1959.....	£1,169,759
1st April,1958.....	£674,953
Sum represented by Penny Rate 1st April,1960.	£2,828
1st April,1959.	£2,214
1st April,1958.	£1,969
Births.....	501
Birth rate.....	18.91
Deaths.....	213
Death rate.....	8.04
Infantile mortality rate.....	17.96
Comparability factors Births .97 Deaths 1.13	

INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS IN THE STROOD RURAL DISTRICT  
WHERE MORE THAN 20 PERSONS ARE EMPLOYED

Alpha Cement Works, Cliffe	.....	Cement
Associated Portland Cement Mfrs., Frindsbury Extra	.....	Cement
Rugby Portland Cement Company, Halling	.....	Cement
British Uralite Limited, Higham	.....	Asbestos cement
Atlas Stone Company, Shorne	.....	Artificial stone
British Basket & Besto Co.Ltd., Cuxton	.....	Basket making
Medway Buildings & Supplies Ltd., Frindsbury Extra	.....	Timber buildings
London & Rochester Trading Co., Frindsbury Extra	..... .....	Tarpauling & sails; Barge repairs
Berry Wiggins & Co.Ltd., Hoo	.....	Oil refinery
B.P. Refinery (Kent) Limited, Isle of Grain	.....	Oil refinery
Waller Engineering Limited, Harvel, Meopham	.....	Light engineering
Segas Works, Grain	.....	Gas from oil



# CAUSES OF DEATH

(from General Register Office, Somerset House, W.C.2.)

	M	F
Acute poliomyelitis.....	1	-
Other infective & parasitic diseases.....	-	1
Syphilitic disease.....	-	1
Cancer - stomach.....	3	2
Cancer - lung, bronchus.....	8	-
Cancer - breast.....	-	2
Cancer - uterus.....	-	1
Other cancers.....	5	5
Vascular lesions of nervous system.....	15	20
Heart disease - angina.....	18	9
Blood pressure with heart disease.....	-	2
Other heart diseases.....	15	22
Other circulatory diseases.....	5	5
Influenza.....	-	1
Pneumonia.....	6	4
Bronchitis.....	6	4
Other diseases of respiratory system.....	1	-
Ulcer of stomach & duodenum.....	-	1
Gastritis, enteritis & diarrhoea.....	1	-
Nephritis and nephrosis.....	5	1
Prostate disease.....	4	-
Congenital malformations.....	2	2
Other defined and ill-defined diseases.....	12	11
Motor vehicle accidents.....	6	-
All other accidents.....	3	1
Suicide.....	2	-
	<hr/> 118	<hr/> 95 <hr/>

# ANALYSIS OF AGE GROUPS OF DEATHS OCCURRING DURING 1959

(as notified from Registrar's Office, Guildhall, Rochester)

PARISH	AGE GROUPS						
	0-10	11-20	21-40	41-60	61-70	71-80	81-100
Allhallows	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Cliffe	1	-	-	3	8	11	6
Cobham	-	-	-	-	2	-	6
Cooling	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Cuxton	-	1	1	3	2	1	2
Frindsbury	5	-	-	8	4	5	6
Halling	1	-	-	1	6	7	4
Higham	1	1	1	-	4	7	9
High Halstow	-	1	1	-	-	1	-
Hoo	1	-	2	10	5	7	4
Isle of Grain	-	-	-	-	1	3	1
Luddesdown	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Meopham	1	-	1	4	5	9	10
St. Mary Hoo	1	-	-	-	-	2	-
Shorne	-	1	1	1	2	3	4
Stoke	-	-	-	1	4	2	2
TOTALS	11	4	7	31	44	60	55
Percentage of total deaths	5.19%	1.89%	3.30%	14.62%	20.76%	28.30%	25.94%



PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS  
DISEASES AND OTHER DISEASES

Tabulated statement of cases notified in each Parish:

PARISH	Tuber- culosis		Erysipelas	Pneumonia	Scarlet Fever	Meningitis	Dysentery	Food Poisoning	Poliomyelitis	Whooping Cough	Measles
	Pulmonary	Non- Pulmonary									
Allhallows	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	13
Cliffe	1	-	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	3
Cobham	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	35
Cooling	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cuxton	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8
Frindsbury	3	-	1	1	3	-	4	-	-	-	63
Halling	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	35
Higham	2	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	4	14
High Halstow	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	34
Hoo	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	3	63
Isle of Grain	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
Luddesdown	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	11
Meopham	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	1	1	73
St. Mary Hoo	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7
Shorne	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	4	5
Stoke	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8
TOTALS	8	2	2	7	8	1	4	1	1	18	372

# TUBERCULOSIS

Statement of particulars appearing on the  
Register of Notifications of Tuberculosis  
for the year ended 31st December, 1959.

	Pulmonary			Non-Pulmonary			Pulmonary and Non- Pulmonary
	M	F	Total	M	F	Total	
(a) No. of Cases on Register at the commencement of the year	60	66	126	21	22	43	169
(b) No. of Cases notified under the Regulations for the first time.	5	3	8	1	1	2	10
(c) No. of Cases restored to Register.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(d) Other additions during the year.	8	3	11	1	-	1	12
(e) No. of Cases removed from Register during the year.	12	15	27	2	2	4	31
(f) No. of Cases remaining on Register at the end of the year.	61	58	119	21	20	41	160



# IMMUNISATION AND VACCINATION

(Scheme for promoting Immunisation and Vaccination is a responsibility of the Kent County Council)

The following table shows the number of persons who were vaccinated against Smallpox or immunised against Diphtheria and Whooping Cough during 1959.

Year of Birth	Diphtheria Immunisation		Smallpox Vaccination		Whooping Cough Immunisation
	Primary	Reinforcing	Primary	Re-vaccination	Primary
1959	51	-	111	-	182
1958	229	-	135	-	202
1957	33	1	5	-	17
1956	11	-	3	-	11
1955	4	18	2	1	6
1954	5	107	2	-	1
1953	-	25	1	-	3
1952	1	14	2	1	1
1951	-	4	1	-	1
1950	-	1	-	-	-
1949	1	5	1	-	1
1948	-	2	1	-	-
1947	1	1	1	1	1
1946	-	-	1	-	-
1945	-	1	1	2	-
Before 1945	-	-	3	5	-
Total	336	179	270	10	426

## IMMUNISATION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA

The following table shows the number of children under the age of 15 years on 31st December, 1959 who had completed a course of immunisation at any time before that date (i.e., at any time since 1st January, 1945).

Year of Birth	Last complete course of injections (whether primary or booster) 1955-1958	1954 or earlier
1945	67	178
1946	161	204
1947	228	182
1948	164	218
1949	136	302
1950	248	148
1951	236	151
1952	187	167
1953	167	162
1954	338	12
1955	278	--
1956	280	--
1957	256	--
1958	289	--
1959	51	--
TOTALS	3086	1724



## VACCINATION AGAINST POLIOMYELITIS

The following table gives the numbers of persons resident in the Strood Rural District who received injections against poliomyelitis during the year ended 31st December, 1959.

Year of Birth	Given two injections	Given third injection
1959	60	-
1958	307	174
1957	88	244
1956	54	212
1955	70	212
1954	57	243
1953	56	207
1952	57	241
1951	59	257
1950	46	244
1949	54	233
1948	62	281
1947	79	277
1946	63	245
1945	63	232
1944	118	243
1943	77	148
Before 1943	1275	412
Others	196	79
Totals	2841	4184

## VENEREAL DISEASES

Abstract from Annual Return, 1959

<u>New Cases</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Syphilis.....	-	-	-
Gonorrhoea.....	5	2	7
Non-Venereal.....	33	-	33

Total number of attendances..... 206

## MORTUARY FACILITIES

The mortuary at the Fire Station at St. Werburgh Crescent, Hoo was closed on 23rd March, 1960, as it had long ceased to conform with modern requirements. There is now no mortuary on the Rural District and bodies are transported as necessary to the hospital mortuary at All Saints Hospital, Chatham.



## PROVISION OF PERSONAL HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

(Responsibility of Kent County Council under Part III of the National Health Service Act, 1946)

### AMBULANCE SERVICE

The County Council is responsible for the provision of a comprehensive ambulance service throughout the County. Other than in cases of accident and emergency, no ambulance will be provided, except at the request of a doctor, hospital, or a midwife, and for the provision of sitting-case transport a certificate from a doctor is necessary.

In cases of accident or emergency the telephone call is passed without delay to the appropriate ambulance station which in this area is at Star Mill Lane, Chatham.

#### Ambulance stations in the area:-

	<u>Telephone No:</u>
Star Mill Lane, Chatham.	Gillingham 52201/2.
Harden Memorial Hall, Hall Road, Northfleet.	Gravesend 5257/8.

### NOTIFICATION OF BIRTHS

In the case of every child born it is the duty of the father of the child, if at the time of the birth he is actually residing on the premises where the birth takes place and of any person in attendance upon the mother at the time of, or within six hours after, the birth to send notice of the birth within thirty-six hours, to the County Medical Officer of Health, County Hall, Maidstone. Postcards with prepaid postage for this purpose are supplied to medical practitioners, midwives, hospitals and maternity homes, upon application to the County Medical Officer, County Hall, Maidstone.



## ANTE-NATAL AND POST-NATAL CLINICS

Advice and ante-natal care is given at these clinics.  
Post-natal examinations are carried out at ante-natal clinics.

### Clinics for Strood Rural District -

Strood	- K.C.C. Clinic, 13, Gun Lane, Strood.	Thursday mornings.
Gravesend	- Welfare Centre, Windmill Street, Gravesend.	Thursday mornings.
Gravesend	- Whitehill, Kings Farm Estate, Gravesend.	Tuesday afternoons.
Gravesend	- 107, Rochester Road, Denton, Gravesend.	1st and 3rd Friday afternoons.

## TUBERCULOSIS, MINOR AILMENTS CLINICS, DENTAL CLINICS, SPECIAL CLINICS AND VENEREAL DISEASE CLINICS

### 1. Tuberculosis

13, New Road, Rochester.	- <u>Monday morning 9-11 a.m.</u> contacts.
	- <u>Tuesday morning 9.15 a.m.</u> Refills - Men
<u>Telephone No:</u> Chatham 42182	- <u>Tuesday afternoons 1.45 p.m.</u> (by appointment) Chest Clinic.
	- <u>Wednesday afternoon 2.30 p.m.</u> Refills - Women
	- <u>Thursday morning</u> 10.15 - 11.15 a.m. Men 11.30 - 12.15 p.m. Women (new patients)
	- <u>Friday morning 9.15 a.m.</u> (by appointment) Chest Clinic.



## Clinics - continued

### Tuberculosis

Gravesend & North Kent Hospital.	-	<u>Wednesday</u> - General clinic.
	-	<u>Thursday morning</u> Refill clinic.
	-	<u>Saturday morning</u> 9-11 a.m. (children only)

## 2. Minor Ailments

Elm House, 15, New Road Avenue, Chatham	-	Every Friday afternoon.
K.C.C. Clinic, Gun Lane, Strood.	-	Every Wednesday afternoon.
Welfare Centre, Windmill Street, Gravesend.	-	Wednesday and Friday mornings 9-10 a.m.
Welfare Centre, 107, Rochester Road, Gravesend.	-	Every Tuesday morning 9-10 a.m.
Whitehill, Kings Farm Estate, Gravesend.	-	Every Tuesday morning 9-10 a.m.

## 3. Dental

Elm House, 15, New Road Avenue, Chatham.	-	Monday to Friday by appointment.
Manor Road, Gravesend	-	Mondays, 9 - 10.30a.m.
	-	Tuesdays, all day.
	-	Wednesdays, 9 - 10.30a.m.
	-	Thursdays, all day.
	-	Fridays, 9 - 10.30a.m.
West Kent House, Station Road, Northfleet.	-	Every Monday and Tuesday.

The mobile dental clinic visits schools in the area as circumstances permit.



4. Specialist (children attend by appointment)

Child guidance

Telephone No:

118, Maidstone Road,  
Chatham.

Chatham 42098.

Ophthalmic

118, Maidstone Road,  
Chatham.

- Every Monday - all day.  
- Every Friday morning.

Gravesend Hospital,  
Gravesend.

- Monday and Thursday  
afternoons.  
- Tuesday mornings.

Speech defects

118, Maidstone Road,  
Chatham.

- Every Tuesday and  
Wednesday all day.

107, Rochester Road,  
Denton, Gravesend.

- Every Thursday.

Byron Road School Annexe,  
Marlborough Road,  
Gillingham.

- Monday to Friday.

Venereal diseases

Rochester

36, New Road.

- Men Mondays 1.30-4.30p.m.  
Thursdays 11a.m.-1 p.m.

- Women Mondays 1.30-4.30 p.m.  
Thursdays 11a.m.-1 p.m.

Gravesend

22, Cobham Street.

- Men Tuesdays 11a.m.-1 p.m.  
Saturdays 9 - 10 a.m.

Women Tuesdays 1 - 2.15 p.m.  
Saturdays 9 - 10 a.m.

CHILD WELFARE CENTRES

These centres are open at the day and times set out for the purpose of giving advice as to the care of infants and children under the age of five years. Certain infant foods



# Child Welfare Centres - continued

national dried milk and vitamin products are issued at these centres. A Medical Officer and a Health Visitor are in attendance at each centre.

## Child Welfare Centres for Strood Rural District -

Cliffe	- The Black Bull.	Tuesday afternoons.
Cobham	- The Meadow Room, The Street.	2nd and 4th Tuesday afternoons.
Cuxton	- Social Club & Workingmens Inst., Bush Road.	2nd and 4th Thursday afternoons.
Frindsbury Extra	- Workingmens Inst., Wainscott.	Thursday afternoons 2 - 4 p.m.
Halling	- Vicarage Hall.	1st and 3rd Friday afternoons.
Harvel, Meopham	- Village Hall.	2nd and 4th Wednesday afternoons.
Higham	- Village Memorial Hall, School Lane.	2nd and 4th Friday afternoons.
High Halstow	- Old School.	2nd and 4th Tuesday afternoons.
Hoo	- Five Bells Inn.	Wednesday afternoons.
Isle of Grain	- New Village Hall.	1st and 3rd Friday afternoons.
Meopham	- Village Hall.	1st and 3rd Thursday afternoons.
Shorne	- Village Hall.	2nd and 4th Thursday afternoons.
Stoke	- British Legion Hall.	2nd and 4th Friday afternoons.
Strood	- Gun Lane.	Tuesday afternoons 2 - 4 p.m. Friday mornings 10 a.m. - 12 noon.



## DISTRIBUTION OF WELFARE FOODS:

The following are main distribution centres adjacent to the Strood Rural District:-

District Office, Gun Lane, Strood.  
District Office, Arthur Street, Gravesend.  
Elm House, New Road Avenue, Chatham.

Welfare foods are also issued from Child Welfare Centres referred to on page 14.

## DISTRICT OFFICERS

These officers are responsible for:-

1. Duties as Authorised Officers under the Lunacy, Mental Treatment and Mental Deficiency Acts.
2. Acting as representatives of the County Health Department in dealing with enquiries made by the public and arranging for County Health Services to be made available in cases of difficulty.
3. Carrying out the duties of the County Council under the National Assistance Act in:-
  - (a) arranging admission of old, handicapped and homeless persons to residential establishments other than in cases of sickness.
  - (b) the care of moveable property of patients who are admitted to hospital or a residential establishment provided by the Council where it appears that there is danger of loss or damage to the property.

## District Officers and Assistants:-

Rochester -

Office:- 13, Gun Lane,  
Strood.

Telephone No:  
Strood 7451

Officer:- Mr. C.H. Hurdman,  
4, City Way,  
Rochester.

Telephone No:  
Chatham 42681

Assistant Mr. E. Farrell,  
Officer:- 20, Bramble Tree Crescent,  
Borstal, Rochester.

Telephone No:  
Chatham 41082



## District Officers and Assistants - continued

### Gravesend

Office:- Arthur Street,  
Gravesend.

Telephone No:  
Gravesend 166

Officer:- Mr. G.T. Jeffery,  
357, Watling Street,  
Dartford.

Telephone No:  
Dartford 3143

Assistant  
Officer:- Mr. W.G.M. Hastings,  
59, Clarendon Gardens,  
St. Mary's Garden Estate,  
Stone, Kent.

Telephone No:  
Dartford 4955

## NATIONAL ASSISTANCE BOARD

Local Office                      5, Castle Hill,  
Rochester.

Telephone No:  
Chatham 42237

## MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE

All enquiries regarding this service should be addressed to the District Officer (see page 15 and above). An assistant Mental Health Officer, Mr. F. Dutton is attached to the District Offices and makes domiciliary visits to give advice and information regarding the care of Mental Defectives.

### Occupation Centres

Occupation centres for mental defectives are established at:-

St. Luke's Hall,  
King William Road,  
Gillingham.

North Hall,  
Tivoli House,  
Gravesend.

Hours of opening:- Ordinary school terms, Monday to Friday  
10 a.m. to 3.30 p.m.

A Home Teacher for Mental Defectives is also available in the area.

All enquiries regarding Occupation Centres and Home Teaching should be addressed to the County Medical Officer, County Hall, Maidstone.



## DOMICILIARY MIDWIFERY SERVICE

This free service of the County Council is to secure an adequate number of midwives available for attending women in their own home, either as midwives or maternity nurses.

The names, addresses and telephone numbers of midwives are given below:-

Cliffe Cooling	) Mrs. T.M.Morris, ) 5, Irvine Terrace, ) Cliffe.	<u>Telephone No:</u>  Cliffe 223.
Frindsbury Extra Wainscott only	) Miss E.L. Cloude, ) 39, Gill Avenue, ) Wainscott, Frindsbury.	<u>Telephone No:</u>  Strood 78556
Higham Frindsbury Extra less Upnor and Wainscott.	) Mrs. T. Peoples, ) 36, Chilton Drive, ) Higham.	<u>Telephone No:</u>  Shorne 309
Cuxton Halling	) Mrs. E.T.D. Carter, ) Forge House, ) Bush Road, Cuxton.	<u>Telephone No:</u>  Cobham 274
Frindsbury Extra Upnor only	) Miss E.K. Wright, ) 22, Powlett Road, ) Strood.	<u>Telephone No:</u>  Strood 7557
Allhallows High Halstow Isle of Grain St. Mary Hoo Stoke	) Miss E.M. Gogerty, ) 9, Marshland View, ) Lower Stoke.	<u>Telephone No:</u>  Allhallows 298
Hoo	) Miss M.A. Webb, ) 11, St. Werburgh Crescent, ) Hoo.	<u>Telephone No:</u>  Hoo 266
Cobham Luddesdown Shorne	) Miss E.M. Hudson, ) 1, Lawrence Drive, ) Cobham.	<u>Telephone No:</u>  Cobham 328
Meopham	) Mrs. Jordan, ) "Elmcroft", ) Meopham Green, ) Meopham.	<u>Telephone No:</u>  Meopham 2329



Group relief for Hoo, Stoke and Wainscott -

Mrs. T.M. Morris,  
5, Irvine Terrace,  
Cliffe.

Telephone No:-

Cliffe 223.

HOME NURSING SERVICE

This service, which is also free, is to secure the attendance of nurses on persons who require nursing in their own homes. Apart from cases of emergency and accident, patients can only be attended when the nurse has been requested to do so by a doctor.

The names, addresses and telephone numbers of district nurses are given below:-

Cliffe	)	Mrs. T.M. Morris,	<u>Telephone No:</u>
Cooling	)	5, Irvine Terrace,	Cliffe 223
	)	Cliffe.	
	)		
Frindsbury Extra	)	Miss E.L. Cloude,	<u>Telephone No:</u>
Wainscott only	)	39, Gill Avenue,	Strood 78556
	)	Wainscott, Frindsbury.	
	)		
Higham	)	Mrs. T. Peoples,	<u>Telephone No:</u>
Frindsbury Extra	)	36, Chilton Drive,	Shorne 309
less Upnor and	)	Higham,	
Wainscott.	)		
	)		
Frindsbury Extra	)	Mrs. S.M. Whale,	<u>Telephone No:</u>
Upnor only	)	36, Woodstock Road,	Strood 7512
	)	Strood.	
	)		
Cuxton	)	Mrs. M.G. Skinner,	<u>Telephone No:</u>
Halling	)	1, Montgomery Cottages,	Snodland 461
	)	Upper Halling, Halling.	
	)		
Allhallows	)		
High Halstow	)	Miss E.M. Gogerty,	<u>Telephone No:</u>
Isle of Grain	)	9, Marshland View,	Allhallows 298
St. Mary Hoo	)	Lower Stoke.	
Stoke	)		
	)		
	)	Miss M.A. Webb,	<u>Telephone No:</u>
Hoo	)	11, St. Werburgh Crescent,	Hoo 266
	)	Hoo.	



## Home Nursing Service - continued

Cobham	)	Miss E.M. Hudson,	<u>Telephone No:</u>
Luddesdown	)	1, Lawrence Drive,	
Shorne	)	Cobham.	Cobham 328

	)	Mrs. Jordan,	<u>Telephone No:</u>
Meopham	)	"Elmcroft",	
	)	Meopham Green,	Meopham 2329
	)	Meopham.	

### Group relief for Hoo, Stoke and Wainscott:-

Mrs. T.M. Morris,	<u>Telephone No:</u>
5, Irvine Terrace,	
Cliffe.	Cliffe 223

### Group relief for Cuxton and Halling:-

Mrs. K.M. Troddyn,	<u>Telephone No:</u>
31, Leybourne Road,	
Strood.	Strood 7596

## DOMESTIC HELP AND NIGHT ATTENDANCE SERVICE FOR OLD PEOPLE

The domestic help service is to provide domestic help for households where such help is required owing to the presence of any person who is ill, lying in, an expectant mother, mentally defective, aged, or a child not over compulsory school age.

The evening and night attendance service is provided for people who are suffering from illness in their own homes and who should not be left alone at night. The Service would not normally be provided where relatives or friends are available but limited service may be provided to relieve relatives who are being deprived of sleep.

Householders are required to contribute towards the costs in accordance with their means.

Applications for help should be made to the Domestic Help Organiser, 13, Gun Lane, Strood ( Miss Coffey, Telephone Number Strood 7604), except in the case of residents of Cobham, Luddesdown, Meopham and Shorne who should apply to Miss Cook, District Office, Gravesend, telephone number Gravesend 166.



## HEALTH VISITORS

These officers are appointed for the purpose of giving advice as to the care of young children, persons suffering from illness and expectant and nursing mothers, and as to the measures necessary to prevent the spread of certain infectious diseases.

The Health Visitors also undertake duties in connection with the School Health Service.

### Health Visitors for the Strood Rural District:-

Cliffe	)	Miss G. Thornton,	<u>Telephone No:</u>
Cooling	)	1, Mote House,	
Higham	)	Castle Hill,	Chatham 41841
Frindsbury Extra	)	Rochester.	
except Chattenden)			
Allhallows	)		
Chattenden	)	Mrs. I. Williams,	<u>Telephone No:</u>
High Halstow	)	141, Hollywood Lane,	
Hoo	)	Wainscott,	Strood 78459
Isle of Grain	)	Frindsbury Extra.	
St. Mary Hoo	)		
Stoke	)		
Cobham	)		
Cuxton	)	Mrs. J.L. Johnstone,	<u>Telephone No:</u>
Halling	)	15, Pattens Gardens,	
Luddesdown	)	Rochester.	Chatham 43726
Meopham	)		
	)	Miss James,	<u>Telephone No:</u>
	)	The Nest,	
Shorne	)	Rochester Road,	Gravesend 5966
	)	Denton, Gravesend.	



VACCINATION AGAINST SMALLPOX AND IMMUNISATION  
AGAINST DIPHTHERIA, WHOOPING COUGH AND TETANUS

All medical practitioners have been invited to participate in the scheme which gives free vaccination against smallpox and combined immunisation against diphtheria, whooping-cough and tetanus. These services are also available at child welfare centres during the normal child welfare sessions.

Vaccine lymph is supplied by the Public Health Laboratory, Preston Hall, British Legion Village, Maidstone (Maidstone 7239).

Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis prophylactic (triple antigen) is supplied by the Health Department, County Hall, Maidstone. (Maidstone 4321 Ext.257).

NURSING REQUISITES

Arrangements have been made with the British Red Cross Society and St. John Ambulance Brigade for the continuance of the Medical Loan Depots on behalf of the County Council. The full range of nursing requisites will be available, and details of addresses and times the depots are open for distribution are shown below. These arrangements are in addition to the loan cupboards kept by the District Nurses. The depots deal with all applications for the loan of nursing requisites.

Medical Loan Depots -

Rochester	-	B.R.C.S., 67, High Street, daily from 10a.m.-5p.m. by appointment with Mrs. Cronk, 4, Roebuck Road, Rochester.	<u>Telephone No:</u>  Chatham 43187
	-	St. John, 171, Maidstone Road, Rochester, daily (day or night) Mr. E.H. Love.	<u>Telephone No:</u>  Chatham 43572
Gravesend	-	B.R.C.S. Headquarters, 36, Pelham Road, Gravesend.	



## Medical loan - continued

Bed and bedding can be supplied to patients on the recommendation of a doctor. The recommendation should be sent to the District Officer (see pages 15 and 16) who will make the necessary arrangements for their provision.

### MINISTRY OF NATIONAL INSURANCE

Local Offices:-	Chatham Local Office, 240, High Street, Rochester.	<u>Telephone No:</u>  Chatham 44621
	Gravesend Local Office, "Ravenscourt", Pelham Road, Gravesend.	<u>Telephone No:</u>  Gravesend 4811

### HOSPITAL SERVICES

Cases of infectious disease, where appropriate, are admitted to:-

	<u>Telephone No:</u>
River Hospital, Joyce Green, Dartford.	Dartford 3231
Keycol Hospital, Sittingbourne.	Newington 222



## WATER SUPPLIES

### Bacteriological and Chemical Examination of water supplies

Thirty-six bacteriological samples were taken during the year. These samples showed, on examination, that the water supplies were of a high degree of purity.

Four chemical samples showed the water to be organically pure though hard.

### Source of supply

All mains water is supplied from wells. The Medway Water Board being responsible for supply in all parishes throughout the district, except, the parish of Halling where the mains water supply is maintained by the Mid Kent Water Company.

### Dwelling houses

The table on page 24 shows that of 8,289 houses, 19 are not supplied from the public mains. Generally, these 19 houses are situated singly in isolated parts of the district far from a water main where it would not be practicable to provide a mains supply. Three of these houses use spring water, 4 use well water, and the remainder use stored rain-water.

The number of houses using communal standpipe supply has fallen from 159 in 1958 to 113 at the end of 1959. The number of houses with this type of water supply will continue to decrease as many of them will be dealt with as unfit under the provisions of the Housing Act.



# SUMMARY OF WATER SUPPLIES TO DWELLING HOUSES

PARISH	No. of Houses	No. of Houses with indoor water supply	No. of Houses with stand pipes	No. of Houses with Public Supply	No. of Houses on Private supply, wells & springs
Allhallows	139	137	2	139	-
Cliffe	744	691	53	744	-
Cobham	404	401	3	404	-
Cooling	53	53	-	53	-
Cuxton	316	308	8	315	1
Frindsbury	1572	1572	-	1572	-
Halling	730	730	-	729	1
Higham	864	851	13	863	1
High Halstow	267	267	-	266	1
Hoo	1024	1022	2	1022	2
Isle of Grain	253	250	3	253	-
Luddesdown	73	73	-	72	1
Meopham	1051	1048	3	1043	8
St. Mary Hoo	68	67	1	67	1
Shorne	545	535	10	542	3
Stoke	186	171	15	186	-
TOTALS	8289	8176	113	8270	19
Percentage of Totals		98.64%	1.36%	99.78%	.22%



## PUBLIC CLEANSING

### Collection and disposal of domestic refuse

Domestic refuse throughout the district is collected weekly and is disposed of by means of controlled tipping in a disused chalk pit situated within the boundary of the City of Rochester. The refuse tip is treated regularly to prevent rat infestation and during the summer period insecticides are applied to prevent the breeding of flies and crickets.

### Cesspool and Pail Closet emptying

With the exception of those areas in which a public sewer is provided cesspools are emptied, upon request, free of charge up to a maximum of four times per year.

Pail closets are emptied weekly in the Parishes of Hoo, Isle of Grain and Allhallows, and twice per week in the Parish of Stoke. A total of 302 houses have pail closets and 20 have privies.

## SEWAGE DISPOSAL

Sewers are provided for the drainage of premises in the Parishes of Allhallows, Frindsbury Extra, Halling, Higham, High Halstow, Hoo, Isle of Grain, Luddesdown, Shorne and Stoke.

After treatment, the effluent of the Allhallows sewer empties into the River Thames and the remainder, with the exception of Grain, empty into the River Medway. The Grain sewer empties directly into the River Thames.

# SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES SURVEY OF RURAL AREA

## Sanitary Accommodation

PARISH	No. of Houses Surveyed	Water Closets	Pail Closets	Privies
Allhallows	139	137	2	-
Cliffe	744	690	50	4
Cobham	404	381	20	3
Cooling	53	42	11	-
Cuxton	316	299	17	-
Frindsbury	1572	1549	23	-
Halling	730	719	11	-
Higham	864	845	9	10
High Halstow	267	255	12	-
Hoo	1024	986	38	-
Isle of Grain	253	236	17	-
Luddesdown	73	64	9	-
Meopham	1051	1027	24	-
St. Mary Hoo	68	50	17	1
Shorne	545	532	11	2
Stoke	186	155	31	-
TOTALS	8289	7967	302	20



# SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES SURVEY OF RURAL AREA

## Drainage facilities

PARISH	No. of Houses Surveyed	No. of Houses connected to Public Sewer	No. of Houses draining to Cesspools, Septic Tanks, etc.
Allhallows	139	121	18
Cliffe	744	8	736
Cobham	404	---	404
Cooling	53	---	53
Cuxton	316	---	316
Frindsbury	1572	1315	257
Halling	730	621	109
Higham	864	617	247
High Halstow	267	168	99
Hoo	1024	881	143
Isle of Grain	253	206	47
Luddesdown	73	32	41
Meopham	1051	---	1051
St. Mary Hoo	68	---	68
Shorne	545	269	276
Stoke	186	110	76
TOTALS	8289	4348	3941

## HOUSING

During the year the number of houses built by the District Council was 17 and by private enterprise 277 making a total of 294 new houses.

The following is the position regarding applicants for Council houses in the district, as at December, 1959.

Allhallows.....	11	High Halstow.....	8
Cliffe.....	55	Hoo.....	101
Cobham.....	24	Isle of Grain.....	15
Cooling.....	4	Luddesdown.....	2
Cuxton.....	12	Meopham.....	52
Frindsbury.....	119	St. Mary Hoo.....	-
Halling.....	26	Shorne.....	27
Higham.....	44	Stoke.....	25

## FIVE YEAR SLUM CLEARANCE PROGRAMME

The end of 1959 saw completion of the first four years of this five year period.

(a) Total No. of houses dealt with by Department...	203
(b) Total No. of houses demolished.....	100
(c) Total No. of persons rehoused.....	111
(d) No. of premises awaiting report.....	29

## ICE-CREAM

Eighty-five premises are registered for the retail sale of ice-cream. There is no ice-cream manufactured on the district.

## MILK DISTRIBUTION

There are 21 retailers and 4 producer/retailers registered as distributors of milk in the area and 9 dealers retailing in the area whose premises are not situated on the district.

During the year 10 milk samples were taken, the results of the examination of the milk are shown on page 29.



	DESIGNATED MILK	ORDIN- ARY MILK	HEAT TREATED
	TUBERCULIN TESTED		
NUMBER OF SAMPLES TAKEN DURING YEAR	3	-	7
(a)(i) Number of samples of designated milk found to conform to the standards prescribed in the Milk (Special Designations) Regulations.....	3	-	7
(ii) Number of samples of designated milk found on examination to have failed to conform to the standards prescribed.....	-	-	-
(b)(i) Number of samples of ordinary milk found on examination to have been produced in a cleanly manner.....		-	-
(ii) Number of samples of ordinary milk found on examination to be unsatisfactory.....		-	-
(c)(i) Number of samples of milk examined for tubercle bacilli infection and yielding negative results.....		-	-
(ii) Number of samples of milk examined for tubercle bacilli infection and showing positive results.....		-	-
(d) Number of samples of heat treated milk found on examination to have been efficiently pasteurised...			7



KENT COUNTY COUNCIL  
WEIGHTS & MEASURES DEPARTMENT

FOOD & DRUGS ACT, 1955

Details of samples taken by the County Sampling  
Officers within the STROOD RURAL DISTRICT  
during the year ended 31st December, 1959

<u>Article</u>	<u>No:</u>	<u>Article</u>	<u>No:</u>
Baked Beans with Hamburgers...	1	B/Fwd.	66
Baked Beans with Hamburgers and Tomato Sauce.....	1	Olive Oil.....	1
Baking Powder.....	1	Pancake Mixture.....	1
Beef and Liver Soup.....	1	Peppermint Cordial.....	1
Braised Beef Steak.....	1	Phosphorine Tablets.....	2
Cake Flour.....	1	Phyllosan.....	1
Cheese and Bacon Spread.....	1	Piccalilli.....	1
Children's Aspirin Tablets....	1	Pineapple Rice Pudding.....	1
Curried Mutton.....	1	Pork Luncheon Meat.....	1
Custard Powder.....	1	Pork Sausages.....	1
Custard Tarts.....	1	Puff-Kins.....	1
Egg and Milk Flavoured Toffees	1	Pure Malt Vinegar.....	1
Evaporated Milk.....	1	Ready Cooked Ox Tail.....	1
Fairy Cake Mix.....	1	Red Cherries in Syrup.....	1
Gin.....	4	Rum & Butter Flavoured Toffees	1
Grannies Sauce.....	1	Stewed Steak with Gravy.....	1
Hamburger Patties with Gravy..	1	Tapioca Flakes.....	1
Ice-cream.....	1	Thermogene Rub for Children...	1
Instant Clear Beef Soupmix....	1	Tinned Cream.....	1
Instant Pudding.....	1	Tinned Vegetable Juice.....	1
Jelly, Fruit Cocktail.....	1	Victoria plums.....	1
Liquid Paraffin.....	1	Vosene Medicated Shampoo.....	1
Milk.....	40	Whisky.....	2
Mustard Sauce.....	1	Zinc and Castor Oil.....	1

C/Fwd. 66

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Summary

Milks.....	40
Drugs.....	8
Spirits.....	6
Other samples.....	37

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## Food sampling - continued

All samples were genuine with the exception of the following:-

<u>Sample of</u>	<u>Analysis</u>	<u>Action taken</u>
Custard Tarts.	Lead 0.2 Copper 4, Zinc 15 parts per million. Heavy metal content satisfactory. On receipt these tarts were mouldy and this precluded the possibility of useful organoleptic tests to determine the cause of the off flavour.	Makers cautioned.
Egg and Milk flavoured Toffees.	Contained no butter and not more than a trace of egg.	Label amended.
Rum and Butter flavoured Toffees.	Contained no butter and not more than a trace of rum.	Label amended.

CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S REPORT FOR 1959

To the Chairman and Members of the Strood Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit a report on the work carried out by Mr. Horncastle (District Public Health Inspector) and myself during 1959.

Due to the steady increase in the population of the district and the application of new and amending legislation to those matters directly concerning the Department, it has only been possible to carry out those duties which, as the need arose, were necessary and urgent.

Of the original figure of 232 dwelling houses scheduled for demolition within the five years commencing September, 1955, the number remaining to be dealt with at the end of 1959 was 46 (29 awaiting report and 17 under consideration by the Council.

With reference to atmospheric pollution, as shown by the deposit gauges sited at various parts of the district, the monthly readings of which are given on pages 35 and 36, it will be seen that the total deposits recorded in the gauge sited at North Halling are 449.5 tons per square mile for the year, rainfall for this period is 21.58 inches. Of the three kilns operated at the cement works situated immediately South of this gauge one has been fitted with a multi-cell cyclonic dust arrestor and this has been in operation since August.

Yours obedient Servant,

G. WILSON

Chief Public Health Inspector



## CONFERENCES ATTENDED BY STAFF

Conference	Place held	Dates	Attended by
Association of Public Health Inspectors	Margate	15th - 18th September, 1959.	Chief Public Health Inspector
Clean Air	London	20th - 23rd October, 1959.	Chief Public Health Inspector

## PUBLIC HEALTH LEGISLATION

In addition to the Public Health and Housing Acts, the Health Department is responsible for administering certain sections of the following Acts and Regulations:-

Agriculture (Safety, Health & Welfare Provisions) Act, 1956.

Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960.

Clean Air Act, 1956.

Factories Act, 1937.

Food & Drugs Act, 1955.

Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960.

National Assistance Act, 1948.

Petroleum (Consolidation) Act, 1928.

Petroleum (Consolidation) Act, 1928 (Carbide of Calcium) Order, 1929.

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.

Rent Act, 1957.

Slaughter of Animals Act, 1958.

Slaughterhouses Act, 1958.

by delegated powers -

Diseases of Animals (Waste Foods) Order, 1957.

Shops Act, 1950 - Sunday trading, early closing day, and closing hours.



## Number of visits under Public Health Acts

No. of houses inspected.....	239
No. of other premises inspected.....	753
No. of re-inspections.....	51
No. of nuisances found.....	44
No. of nuisances abated.....	33
No. of informal notices served.....	22
No. of informal notices complied with.....	18
No. of statutory notices served.....	1
No. of statutory notices complied with.....	1
No. of inspections to caravans.....	87
No. of visits - refuse disposal.....	8
No. of inquiries in cases of infectious diseases.....	52
No. of visits re: disinfection.....	13
No. of houses disinfected.....	1
No. of water samples taken.....	40

## Filthy or Verminous Premises

No. of houses inspected.....	7
No. of houses re-inspected.....	3

The following work was carried out following inspection:-

### EXTERNAL

Accumulation of refuse removed. 4	Inspection covers repaired. 3
Cesspool covers repaired..... 2	Infestations dealt with.....12
Cesspools emptied..... 6	Paths repaired..... 1
Cesspools repaired..... 1	Roofs repaired..... 9
Doors repaired..... 2	Walls repaired..... 4
Downspouts repaired..... 3	W.C. Cisterns repaired..... 3
Drains cleared.....18	W.C. flush pipes repaired.. 1
Drains repaired..... 4	Water supply pipes repaired 3
Gutters cleared..... 1	Wasp nests destroyed.....65
Gutters provided..... 1	Windows repaired..... 1
Gutters repaired..... 1	

### INTERNAL

Ceilings repaired..... 2	Sashcords provided..... 1
Floors repaired..... 6	Walls repaired..... 2
Premises cleansed..... 1	



SITE OF GAUGES	RAIN IN INCHES	QUANTITIES EXPRESSED IN TONS PER SQ. MILE PER MONTH STANDARD DEPOSIT GAUGE			LEAD PEROXIDE GAUGE  Mg. of Sulphur Trioxide collected per day by 100 sq. cms. of batch "A" Lead Peroxide
		Total water insoluble matter	Total water soluble matter	Total deposits	
Cliffe	Jan.	8.53	12.44	20.97	2.29
	Feb.	11.01	12.79	23.80	1.46
	Mar.	11.06	11.24	22.29	0.76
	Apl.	13.97	13.07	27.04	0.82
	May	9.73	7.49	17.22	0.38
	June	17.43	9.02	26.45	0.68
	July	14.73	7.70	22.43	0.50
	Aug.	9.25	10.81	20.06	0.64
	Sept.	8.53	7.14	15.66	0.57
	Oct.	11.49	14.87	26.36	1.06
	Nov.	7.95	13.34	21.29	0.71
	Dec.	10.71	18.41	29.12	1.26
	TOTALS	134.39	138.32	272.69	
Frindsbury Extra	Jan.	7.23	7.05	14.27	2.74
	Feb.	4.89	5.20	10.09	1.56
	Mar.	7.03	8.59	15.82	1.03
	Apl.	7.73	6.78	14.50	0.85
	May	5.26	4.23	9.49	0.49
	June	5.48	5.12	10.60	0.83
	July	7.47	6.41	13.88	0.44
	Aug.	4.71	4.06	8.77	0.57
	Sept.	4.06	3.98	8.04	0.62
	Oct.	7.57	9.40	16.97	1.03
	Nov.	5.58	8.60	14.17	1.40
	Dec.	6.98	9.33	16.31	1.64
	TOTALS	73.99	78.75	152.91	



SITE OF GAUGES	RAIN  IN INCHES	QUANTITIES EXPRESSED IN TONS PER SQ. MILE PER MONTH STANDARD DEPOSIT GAUGE			LEAD PEROXIDE GAUGE  Mg. of Sulphur Trioxide collected per day by 100 sq. cms. of batch "A" Lead Peroxide	
		Total water insoluble matter	Total water soluble matter	Total deposits		
North Halling	Jan.	2.22	11.11	18.81	29.92	2.25
	Feb.	0.063	22.85	11.84	34.69	0.96
	Mar.	2.11	22.30	14.24	36.54	0.88
	Apl.	2.35	28.16	13.14	41.30	0.58
	May	0.67	20.92	8.77	29.69	0.43
	June	0.84	32.27	11.49	43.76	0.68
	July	1.71	33.09	13.21	46.30	0.38
	Aug.	1.26	14.07	12.14	26.21	0.45
	Sept.	0.20	25.02	8.84	33.86	0.48
	Oct.	2.22	23.32	14.51	37.83	0.56
	Nov.	3.57	20.65	21.41	42.06	0.66
	Dec.	4.37	21.18	25.81	46.99	0.86
	TOTALS	21.583	274.94	174.21	449.15	
Vicarage Lane, Halling	Jan.	2.38	7.84	11.75	19.59	1.75
	Feb.	0.067	4.62	7.85	12.48	1.00
	Mar.	2.00	7.35	10.87	18.22	0.83
	Apl.	2.31	5.01	8.49	13.50	0.57
	May	0.74	10.46	9.46	19.92	0.59
	June	0.99	5.40	7.32	12.71	0.45
	July	2.05	6.71	10.17	16.88	0.41
	Aug.	1.07	9.39	8.93	18.32	0.61
	Sept.	0.18	14.14	10.25	24.39	0.76
	Oct.	2.53	9.87	11.11	20.98	0.70
	Nov.	3.77	6.23	10.60	16.84	0.63
	Dec.	4.68	3.07	7.58	10.66	0.70
	TOTALS	22.767	90.09	114.38	204.49	



## NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948

### Section 47

No action was taken under this section for the removal of any person as being in need of care and attention.

### Section 50

During the year it was necessary to undertake the burial of four persons under the provisions of the above Act at a total cost of £107. 0. 0d. of which sum £55.10.8d. was eventually recovered leaving a balance of £51.9.4d. A further sum of £27.0.0d. is expected to be paid through the Treasury Solicitor following claim on the estate of one of the deceased. This will leave a balance of £24.9.4d. which will not be recoverable.

## HOUSING ACTS 1936 to 1957

During 1959, 11 Demolition Orders, 10 Closing Orders and 4 Undertakings were made by the District Council and 25 unfit houses were demolished by owners.

No. of houses inspected.....	70
No. of houses re-inspected.....	39
No. of houses inspected for overcrowding..	6
No. of miscellaneous housing visits.....	20

The number of occupied houses scheduled as unfit and remaining to be dealt with at the end of the year was as follows:-

Cliffe.....	7	Higham.....	2
Cobham.....	6	Hoo.....	13
Cooling.....	1	Isle of Grain.....	1
Cuxton.....	8	Meopham.....	2
Frindsbury Extra.....	1	Shorne.....	2
Halling.....	3		

## RENT ACT, 1957

5 applications were received for Certificates of Disrepair following which 4 Certificates were issued. In the fifth case the landlord gave an undertaking and carried out the work satisfactorily.



## SHOPS ACT, 1950

There are 214 shops in the area and during the year 236 inspections were made in connection with arrangements for the health and comfort of shop workers, general cleanliness, and under delegated powers, Sunday trading, early closing day and closing hours.

## FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

507 visits were made to premises where food is sold or prepared for sale including visits to the slaughterhouse.

115 visits were made to the one licenced slaughterhouse for the purpose of meat inspection. The table on page 39 gives the number of animals slaughtered and the percentage of diseased conditions.



Carcases and Offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part:

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed	193	-	-	620	497	-
Number inspected	193	-	-	620	497	-
<u>All diseases except tuberculosis and cysticerci:</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	44	-	-	3	1	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci.	22.79%	-	-	.48%	.201%	-
<u>Tuberculosis only:</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned.	1	-	-	-	26	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis.	.518%	-	-	-	5.23%	-
<u>Cysticercosis:</u>						
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	1	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration	1	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-



## FOOD CONDEMNED

### Slaughterhouse

27.	Bovine livers	Distomatosis
4.	" "	Abscesses
1.	" liver	Adhesions
1.	" "	Tuberculosis
1.	" head	Cysticercosis
5.	" heads	Actinomycosis
1.	" tongue	Cysticercosis
6.	" tongues	Actinomycosis
1.	" heart	Pericarditis
24.	Pigs heads	Tuberculosis
1.	" head	Abscesses
1.	" mesentery	Tuberculosis
1.	" tongue	Tuberculosis
2.	Sheep livers	Distomatosis

### Food shops

Corned Beef	6-lbs.	Mouldy
Dogfish (Huss)	14-lbs.	Putrefied
Shoulder Ham	39-lbs. 15 ozs.	Putrefied
Luncheon Meat	12-lbs. 6 ozs.	Putrefied



## PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

2,235 inspections were carried out to all classes of premises under the provisions of the above Act.

Of the 567 premises found to be infested the owners of 40 carried out disinfection themselves and the Rodent Officer operated for the destruction of rats and mice at the remainder.

## PETROLEUM (CONSOLIDATION) ACT, 1928

There were 89 installations licenced to store petroleum-spirit during the year and the number of premises licenced to store carbide of calcium was 24.

67 inspections were made during the year.



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HEALTH IN RESPECT OF THE YEAR 1959 FOR  
THE RURAL DISTRICT OF STROOD IN THE  
COUNTY OF KENT

Prescribed Particulars on the Administration  
of the Factories Act, 1937

PART I OF THE ACT

1 - INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health  
(including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors)

Premises  (1)	Number on Register  (2)	Number of		
		Inspections  (3)	Written notices  (4)	Occupiers prosecuted  (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.....	5	6	0	0
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.....	49	68	0	0
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	17	32	0	0
Total.....	71	106	0	0

2 - Cases in which DEFECTS were found

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred To H.M. Inspector (4)	By H.M. Inspector (5)	
Want of cleanliness (S.1).....	1	1	0	1	0
Overcrowding (S.2).....	0	0	0	0	0
Unreasonable temperature (S.3).....	0	0	0	0	0
Inadequate ventilation (S.4).....	0	0	0	0	0
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6).....	0	0	0	0	0
Sanitary conveniences (S.7).....					
(a) Insufficient.....	0	0	0	0	0
(b) Unsuitable or defective	0	0	0	0	0
(c) Not separate for sexes	0	0	0	0	0
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork).....	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	1	1	0	1	0



# PART VIII OF THE ACT

## Outwork

(Sections 110 and 111)

Nature of work	Section 110			Section 111		
	No. of out-workers in August list required by Section 110(1) (c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of prosecu- tions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwhole some premises	Notices served	Prose- cution
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Wearing) Making apparel) etc. ) Cleaning ) and ) Washing	18	0	0	0	0	0